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SAY NO TO ANY SOLAR FEES, RATES, OR CHARGES Where do I begin? Several years ago...in a galaxy far far away...APS and its fellow utilities extoled the virtues of solar with television ads, radio spots, and billing inserts. They played on the "do the right thing" mantra...but only after the federal government mandated they generate a certain percentage of their electricity from solar. They offered rebates and incentives. I eventually bit. At first, I hung back though...I waited to see how people felt about it after a few years of having it on their homes. Then in 2012 I made the move...It cost us \$27,000.00 with NO REBATES or incentives, paid upfront. In 2012, we were being battered financially by APS with my home electric bill each month. Our annual electric bills were in excess of \$3900.00 per year, with the air at 80 degrees throughout the summer.. I did the math: Back then...that was \$325.00 a month on average, with summer months in excess of \$500.00/month. What were my options? I could do nothing and keep accepting the rate (oh my mistake..."fee" increases) or invest in the future. I invested. And now that so many have jumped on the band wagon...APS and its cronies are looking to assess solar fees. Under the false narrative that they have to charge US extra now. The utility companies claim...our profits are down...the company's financial future is in jeopardy. APS and the others need the extra revenue for infrastructure build out...OH PLEASE...CUT THE BS!! They did away with all the meter readers...there's a huge revenue gain, right? What about the hundreds of thousands of KWh they buy from solar owners at pennies on the dollar, and then turn around and charge the non solar home next door? They claim the overall electric bill revenue as a company has been reduced...as a result of all the solar placements that they encouraged. Greed is NOT good! A public corporation holding hostage millions of citizens...captive with no free market options is shameful. SERIOUSLY? How do members of the corporation commission who support this, sleep at night? Are you are actually going to take the payoff under the table from the utility companies and vote to support a rate hike? Am I being too accusatory? Too aggressive? The definition of the corporation commission is to be an arbiter between the rich utilities and the struggling homeowners. With you favoring your constituents, and not the utilities.. We are captive to APS, SRP, TEP, etc., right? If you enact this rate hike YOU ARE the problem and the source of the corruption... (just look at who paid for the negative ads last election against NON pro utility company corporation commission candidates). Arizonans are fed up...our electric bills continue to go up 3-4% a year. In 2012, without solar, with the thermostat set at 80 degrees which is unbearable, were paying close to what our first mortgage used to be. In closing, the way I see it...I invested in the future of my state, and the environment, by paying my monthly electric bill up front ten years in advance. (The \$27,000.00)...I still have an annual electric bill to APS each year of \$1200.00. So its not like I'm getting anything for free. We PAID for the solar and to help the environment. I'm asking you to block any fees or charges which are PENALTIES to those of us who have bought solar systems. Lastly, remember the thousands of people who are employed by the solar industry here in the southwest, especially Arizona. Do you realize the detrimental effect your pro utility vote would have on the industry? People would put off or cancel installs, companies would begin layoffs, and the welfare lines and unemployment numbers would grow. Is that the image you want for our vibrant and forward thinking state? SAY NOT TO ANY SOLAR

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FEES, RATES, OR CHARGES. The utility companies should be paying us a lot more than they do for the investment we have made in Arizona's future. Respectfully, Scott McCay 602-531-0151

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